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PETER PAN FIFTY YEARS YOUNG

Jubilee of the little boy who has never grown up

Fifty years ago—on December 27, 1904—the curtain rose on the first production of Sir James Barrie's play, Peter Pan. Since then this children's classic has become as much a part of the Christmas season as any pantomime, and it has been the ambition of most young actresses to play the title rôle. In the years since Nina Boucicault appeared in the first production some of the most famous stage and screen actresses—Fay Compton, Gladys Cooper, Jean Forbes-Robertson, Phyllis Calvert, Margaret Lockwood, to name but a few—have taken the part.

ONE of the first to play Peter Pan was the American actress, Pauline Chase, who kept the part for seven years; and this year, for the golden jubilee production, the rôle goes again to a visitor from across the Atlantic—Barbara Kelly, from Canada.

Although she has since appeared on the stage in London, Barbara Kelly is primarily a radio and television star. She began as a dramatic actress on Canadian radio and with her husband, Bernard Braden, came to Britain five years ago.

AUDITION DEPARTURE

When they were auditioned by the BBC, they decided to break the monotony of straightforward speeches, and made up a humorous script of two hopeful actors—which indeed they were—exchanging confidences while awaiting an audition, and worked their set speeches into the dialogue. Their departure from a routine audition was successful, and the line of comedy was developed in the Breakfast/Bed-time with Braden series.

In the past five years Barbara Kelly and her family have taken the Mother Country to their hearts, and have settled in a house by the Thames at Shepperton. There are three children, Christopher and two girls, Kelly and



Barbara Kelly as Peter Pan

Kim (short for Karma) whom Gilbert Harding describes as the best-behaved people you could hope to meet.

The children naturally are looking forward excitedly to seeing their mother flying through the air as Peter Pan; but she has made it quite clear that there is to be no climbing on to the mantelpiece and attempting to copy her.

THE DOG WHO STARED

Established without doubt as the most popular fairy tale of modern times, the writing of Peter Pan's adventures owes much to a dog, a big St. Bernard who kept staring so insistently that finally his master had to stop writing and take him for his regular walk through Kensington Gardens.

By the Round Pond three children were waiting for this friendly man with the big dog. He always had time to stop and tell them such splendid stories, all the more wonderful because they—George, John, and Peter Davies—were made the heroes of the imaginary adventures.

During his walk Barrie thought as usual about some new adventure to tell his young listeners, but that particular day the sight of the children made him realise how much he enjoyed taking them with him into the enchanting world of make-believe.

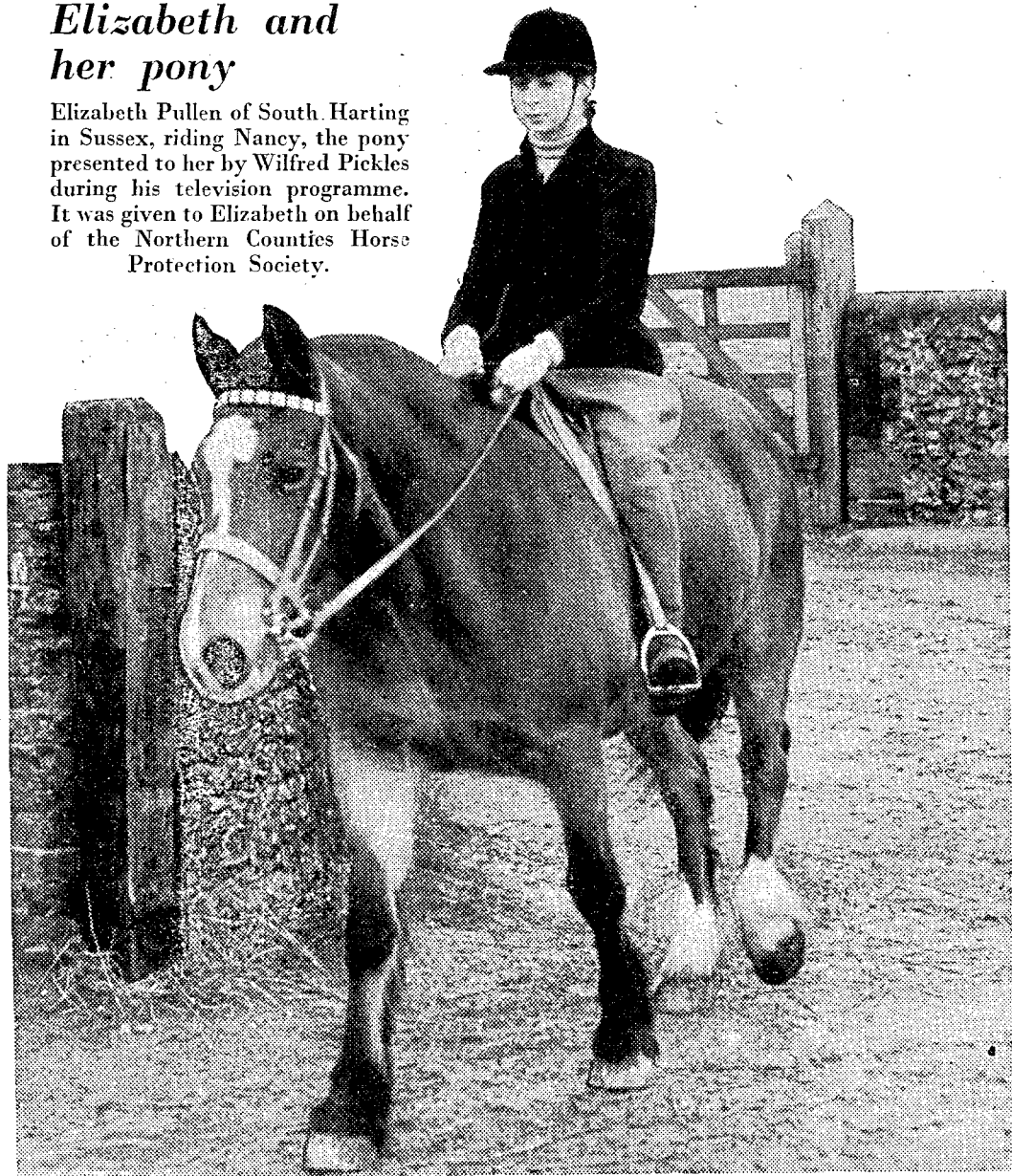
THE HAPPY BOY

What a pity, he thought, that these children had to grow up and stop believing in the fairy-tale land of imagination. The idea stayed with him, and he jotted down in his notebook: "Play. The Happy Boy. Boy who can't grow up."

Later, when he came to write the play, Barrie used for the boy who stayed young a character he had already written about in a book called The Little White Bird. This was the story of a boy who knew fairies and liked to ride on a goat and play on panpipes like the Greek god of mythology, Pan. Hence the name, Peter Pan.

Elizabeth and her pony

Elizabeth Pullen of South Harting in Sussex, riding Nancy, the pony presented to her by Wilfred Pickles during his television programme. It was given to Elizabeth on behalf of the Northern Counties Horse Protection Society.



TYPING HER WAY ROUND THE WORLD

To be the first person in the world to write shorthand at 200 words a minute as well as type at 100 words a minute is the distinction claimed for a New Zealand girl, Miss Nancy Burt.

She recently received a special prize and certificate which was awarded by Lord Mancroft at Pitman's College prizegiving.

Miss Burt, who comes from Nelson, has been typing her way round the world. She started her travels in May 1951, confident that she could earn her living as shorthand-typist in any English-speaking country. With a girl friend she went to Sydney in Australia, and then to Hong Kong, where she soon found a job.

She and her friend went to see something of Japan before crossing the Pacific to Vancouver. Next they sailed to New York via the Panama Canal. In America they parted, for her friend decided to

get married, but Miss Burt went to Edmonton in Alberta and worked there for a year, afterwards making a six weeks' tour of the U.S.

Her next journey was to London and a job with a firm of shipbrokers. She attended evening classes at Pitman's, winning two silver-cups and a silver medal at the College. She also won the Royal Society of Arts Silver medal for shorthand at 150 a minute. In a London Chamber of Commerce examination she beat her own record by typing at 113 words a minute.

Nancy Burt is to return home to Nelson, but doubts whether she will be able to settle down. Probably she will go back to Canada again.

Hers is a fine way of seeing the world. A shorthand-typist of her exceptional ability can be sure of a welcome in any city.

The character, Wendy, came from a little girl who used to dance while Barrie played the piano for her. She was W. E. Henley's daughter, Margaret. She noticed that her father called him "friend," and through her little lips this became Fwendy. Barrie shortened this to Wendy.

In Peter Pan Barrie was undoubtedly expressing some of his own private longings. He once did say that he tried to grow up but could not. He loved children and their world of make-believe.

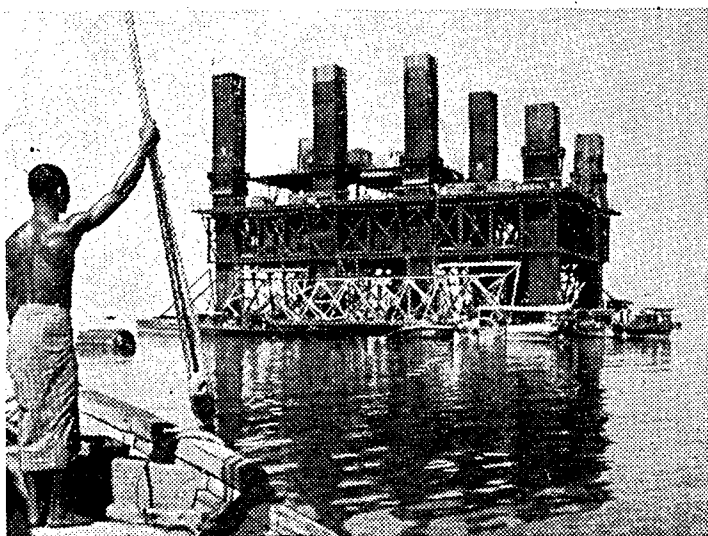
THE NEXT BEST THING

At the beginning of his writing career he recorded: "The next best thing to being boys is to write about them." He decided that first he must practise for a long time on men, however, as "men are so much easier to write about than boys."

His love of children shines through his writing. Peter Pan naturally is full of delightful examples such as: "When the first baby laughed for the first time, the laugh broke into a thousand pieces

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UNDERWATER DRILLING FOR OIL



This great underwater oil-drilling structure in the Persian Gulf.

Five miles off the oil-bearing coast of Qatar, in the Persian Gulf, the Shell Oil Company has now placed in position a mobile 1200-ton "island" of steel and concrete from which underwater drilling operations are soon to take place. It took nine months to build and cost £500,000.

In the old days steel pipes would have been driven into the sea-bed and a platform for drilling operations built on top. This type, however, had the disadvantage of being immovable, and if oil was not struck most of the expenditure was lost for the work had to be done all over again in another spot.

The mobile "wildcatter," as it is named by the oil-men, was designed to overcome this difficulty. Two 1000-ton pontoons (used in Coronation Year to take passengers off the Thames river steamers into the Battersea Festival Gardens) were shipped out to the Persian Gulf and floated into position.

These huge pontoons were lashed together with steel girders,

and a steel-work construction on top supported two platforms, one above the other. On these was placed the ponderous drilling equipment.

The next step was to connect eight legs to the platforms. These can be raised or lowered by means of powerful hydraulic jacks and when the legs finally rest on the sea-floor the support of the pontoons is no longer required.

If it is desired to drill in another position the two pontoons are floated back into place under the platforms, the legs are raised until the whole weight comes to rest again upon the pontoons, and the complete structure is towed off to the new scene of operations. If this happens to be in deeper water more sections are added to the eight supporting legs.

Not the least of the difficulties of constructing this unique "wildcatter" in the Persian Gulf was the sweltering heat, often reaching over 120 degrees. Before the men could handle them, the massive steel girders had to be cooled in the sea.

CYCLING THROUGH AFRICA

To prove that man can enjoy life without modern comforts, a French lay brother of the Order of St. Francis of Assisi is cycling through Africa.

M. Maurice Claude is putting his theory to a stern test. Without money or weapons, carrying only a small tent, clothing, spare cycle parts, and some books, this intrepid Frenchman has already passed through the Gold Coast, Nigeria, the Cameroons, the vast Belgian Congo, and Rhodesia.

On reaching the Cape he will take a small coasting vessel to Madagascar. Afterwards his return trip is to be made via Kenya and Tanganyika, where the going, through dense bush and harsh valleys, will often be hard indeed.

LECTURES ON HIS TRAVELS

M. Claude lives on a diet of honey, eggs, and water. These he receives in exchange for giving medical advice and first aid to tribesmen in regions remote from hospitals. Other necessary items are paid for by delivering lectures on his experiences in cities which he visits.

Quite apart from the vivid animal and native life which M. Claude sees daily on his journey, he has already had three severe spills, one resulting in two broken ribs. Punctures, too, are a regular problem on Africa's less civilised tracks.

Roman angler



A priest of Rome contentedly fishing in the Tiber, close to the busy heart of the Eternal City.

EXCITING EXCURSIONS

Organisers of 1955 school and club excursions will find some tempting suggestions in the British Railways booklet called Party Outings.

A typical example is the tour by rail and road of Bath and the Mendip Hills. Another, enthralling for all boys and girls, is a visit to Southampton Docks, and there are scores of others.

Return fares for people under 16 are three-quarters of the normal single fare. Free tickets for organisers are issued, according to the number of passengers.

To increase the pleasure of an outing British Railways will arrange to give, beforehand, a film show of the place to be visited.

The booklets can be obtained free from the London Commercial Service at 22 Charing Cross Road, London W.C.2.

News from Everywhere

FILM PRINCESS

Film star Barbara Stanwyck has been crowned Princess Many Victories II by the Blackfoot tribe of Red Indians. The ceremony was held on a reservation during the shooting of her latest film, Cattle Queen of Montana.

The band of the U.S. Seventh Army in Germany are to give a concert at Glasgow for the Roosevelt Memorial Fund for infantile paralysis patients. Proceeds will go to Scottish sufferers.

Westerdale (North Yorkshire) Youth Hostel is to be reopened after extensive alterations next year.

LONG WALK

James McLune, a postman of Twynholm, Kirkcudbright, has just retired after 35 years' service. In that time he walked 130,000 miles—equivalent to more than five times round the world.

A Hollywood firm dealing in gramophone records is to put up a new office shaped to look like a stack of records.

SCOTLAND'S LOSS

Between the years 1861 and 1951 over 1,500,000 people emigrated from Scotland.

New Zealand's first public radio telephone system has been installed between Wellington and Christchurch. Provision has been made for 12 lines to be used at once.

FREE BIBLES

Bedfordshire schoolchildren are to be presented with illustrated copies of the Bible when they reach the age of eleven.

Britain's typewriter industry has broken its annual export record for the tenth year in succession.

A gang of nine men in New Zealand have sheared 2757 sheep in nine hours. The previous record is said to be 2400 by eight men.

UNDERWATER TV

Television cameras will be used in a search for the gold which sank with the clipper General Grant off the Auckland Islands, south of New Zealand.

To encourage people to say grace before meals, the Hotels Association of Canada is placing prayer cards in English and French in hotel dining-rooms and restaurants.

TALK O' THE TOWN

Illustrated lectures are being given to junior audiences at the Natural History Museum, South Kensington, during the holidays—from December 28 to January 22. Lectures begin at 3 p.m. Admission free. Free lectures on painting are being given at the National Gallery at 2.30 p.m. on December 30, January 3, and January 6.

Mr. James Long of Brighton has collected 60,000 matchbox labels in 56 years.

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and they all went skipping about, and that was the beginning of fairies"; or: "Whenever a child says, 'I don't believe in fairies,' there's a little fairy somewhere that falls right down and dies."

But Barrie's love for children went much further than just writing for them. He wanted to help them in a practical fashion, and in 1929 he gave Peter Pan to the Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children. And though it is 17 years since Sir James Barrie set off on that "awfully big adventure," as he described death, he still goes on helping them. This year once again the royalties from the annual production of Peter Pan will be bringing extra comforts and help to children who are sick and in need.

Right to the end Barrie remained at heart a little boy who did not want to grow up. In a play, The Boy David, he used two lines spoken by Princess Margaret, then six years old, at a birthday party. The lines were: "He is my greatest friend and I am his friend," and "It is yours and

mine." Barrie promised he would pay her a penny for each line every time it was spoken.

That year, however, Princess Margaret's father came to the throne. Thinking, perhaps, that it might not be proper to send pennies to the daughter of a king, Barrie did no more about it.

He reckoned without Princess Margaret. In due course a delightful message arrived stating that unless the royalty promised was paid, the king's solicitors would be communicating with him!

Barrie was overjoyed. He had an official agreement drawn up by his solicitor, and drew a bag of bright new pennies from the bank. Before he could deliver them, however, he was taken ill.

Hearing that he was not going to recover, Queen Elizabeth promptly had the agreement signed by Princess Margaret and sent to him in the nursing home with a message that he could deliver the bag of pennies later.

But that was not to be. Instead Sir James Barrie was called to his "awfully big adventure."



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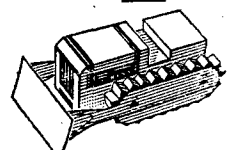
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THERE'S A BRIGHT FUTURE IN THE PAST

There is a growing interest in the collecting of antiques. It is probably a reaction against this mechanical age. Boys and girls, too, often treasure old weapons, clocks, and other relics of the age when everything was handmade by craftsmen. Youngsters who are interested in such things are likely recruits to the honourable trade of antique dealing—a business which seems to have a bright future.

Extensive knowledge, however, is needed for it, and this was referred to recently by Mr. Cecil F. Turner, C.B.E., in an address to the Royal Society of Arts.

He pointed out that among many other things, an antique dealer must understand the different kinds of wood used in former centuries for making furniture.

The beauty of 18th century furniture, he said, was obtained by the use of veneers and inlays. Veneers are very thin layers of a valuable wood carefully spread

over and stuck to the surface of an inferior kind of wood. The veneers and inlays were of walnut, mahogany, satinwood, rosewood, and various others. Cutting and placing them in a pattern was an art in itself.

The dealer has to be able to distinguish between these veneers; for instance between the walnut used in the 17th century and that of Queen Anne and George the First's time.

Such matters are only a small part of his knowledge, for a very wide range of objects are classified as antiques—in fact anything that was made before 1830.

The dealer must be something of a detective, able to recognise such details as forged hall-marks on silver. These used to be done in spite of the penalty of 14 years' transportation.

The antique dealer's trade is for anyone who loves beautiful things and is interested in history.

Friendly tapir



One of this young Zoo hostess's jobs at Whipsnade is to look after two South American tapirs which recently arrived there.

DEAD FISH ON NEW SCHOOL ROOF

A new school was inaugurated in the Canadian-adopted Korean village of Hwasan-Dong the other day, in time-honoured custom.

The whole village applauded as the ridge-pole was raised into position. Then the Commanding Officer of the 2nd Battalion Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, Lt.-Col. H. W. V. Matthews, climbed the rafters to nail it firmly in place.

The pole was inscribed with the date—it was the year 4287 for the Koreans—and to it was tied the traditional bundle of dead fish.

TRUSTY BRIGADE

When the New Zealand contingent of officers and boys of The Boys' Brigade arrived home after their visit to Britain for the Founder's Centenary Year celebrations they were able to report that not once in four months of travel had they been asked by Customs officials to open their baggage.

Such is the reputation of their pioneer youth movement.

PLAYFUL GULL

A seagull over Whitby bridge swooped down and lifted off a man's hat with its beak, flew with it a few yards, and then dropped it in the roadway.

GRANDMA LETS THE WORLD GO BY

Grandma Moses, the famous American painter, is now 94 years old, but still hard at work.

"When I find things a little rough, I take up my paint brushes and let the world go by," she says.

Grandma, whose real name is Anna Mary Robertson, lives at Eagle Bridge, New York. She once used to exhibit her paintings among farm produce in a general store. Since then her work has been on exhibition all over the world, and hundreds of reproductions of her pictures are sold each year as Christmas cards.

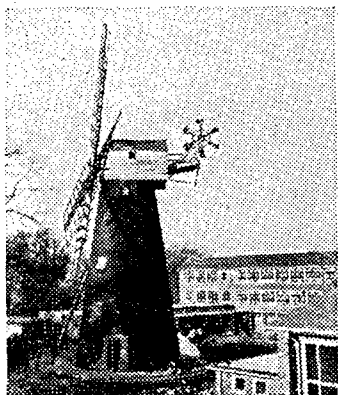
GALLANT RESCUE

A 15-year-old boy, George Torrie Wright, of Glasgow, received a medal from the Lord Provost of Glasgow after rescuing a woman from the Forth and Clyde Canal.

At the point where he entered it, the canal is 60 yards wide and ten feet deep in the middle. It is particularly dangerous owing to the dumping of mud drained from the main channel.

Mr. Walter Doherty, Assistant Chief Constable of Glasgow, described the boy's action as "one of the finest rescues we have known for a lad of this age."

School with a windmill



Pupils at the new John Ruskin Grammar School, now being completed at Croydon, will have this old Shirley windmill in their grounds. It will probably be used as a groundsman's store.



High spirits

On pogo stilts, Bill Gaffney takes a giant leap 15 feet above the ground in a rodco parade at San Francisco.

TAKE YOUR SKIS TO SCOTLAND

Hundreds of people are learning to ski this winter on the slopes of the Cairngorm Mountains in Scotland.

Snow comes early to this part of Britain, and the Scottish Council of Physical Recreation organises special courses for enthusiasts. The headquarters of the training schemes are at Newtonmore.

Transport to the snow grounds is included in the training fee, which also covers instruction and social activities in the hotel; and beginners without equipment can hire skis, boots, and sticks for less than £2 per week from firms operating hire schemes.

Young people are favouring this type of winter holiday in Britain. They can prepare their budgets well in advance and know exactly how much it will cost.

CALL ME EARLY

Parents in Hungary no longer need to tell their children repeatedly to get up or they will be late for school. A new popular broadcast programme for children, at seven a.m., is doing the job for them.

After a "Good morning, children," from the announcer, there are a few minutes' physical exercises to music and then comes a short story which, of course, is the chief attraction.

NEWS BY STEAMER

A Liverpool firm of publicity agents and printers which has just celebrated its centenary, built up its early prosperity largely on a news service of the American Civil War.

They received early details of this by mail steamers which arrived from America at Liverpool, and used to interview the officers, and also receive the latest American journals.

CHICKEN IN THE CROW'S NEST

Some time ago a worker on a Peebles-shire poultry farm observed a black leghorn hen ascending a tall tree, fluttering from branch to branch until it reached the top.

At the end of the top branch was a crow's nest, and towards this the hen cautiously edged its way, finally taking possession with a triumphant cackle. Meanwhile, a crow kept watch from a nearby branch.

After a few minutes the leghorn rose from the nest and made its way back to the trunk with a brisk clucking that usually indicates a newly laid egg. And almost immediately the waiting crow, with an appreciative caw, swooped down and carried off the egg in its beak.

GREAT SHAKESPEARE TREASURE

A copy of the second folio of the Works of William Shakespeare, published in 1632, has been bought by the British Museum under the terms of the will of the late Mr. W. E. F. Macmillan.

The main interest lies in the water colour illustrations by William Blake, interleaved and bound into the volume nearly 200 years after its publication. This was done at the request of an early 19th-century owner.

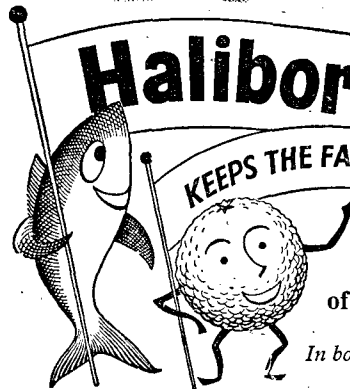
The water colours show the ghost scenes from Richard III and Julius Caesar and Catherine of Aragon's dream scene.



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Three moods

Three interpretations in plaster of Miss Cecil Joy Burton-Shaw, by Arthur J. Fleischmann. This group is on view at the Society of Portrait Sculptors' exhibition, which is open until January 10 at the Imperial Institute Art Gallery in South Kensington.

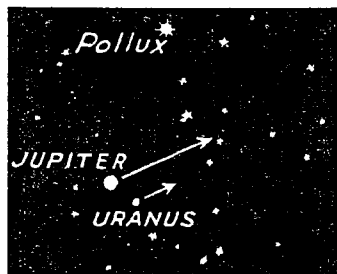
LOOKING AT THE SKY

THE WEIRD WORLD OF URANUS

The strange world of Uranus now appears very close to Jupiter, and on any dark and clear night, while the Moon is not much in evidence, it will be easily seen by the naked eye.

Uranus, at present appearing about twice the width of the full-Moon away from Jupiter, will be somewhat dimmed by Jupiter's radiance, and binoculars or even opera-glasses will greatly help in spotting it.

The accompanying star-map shows the region high in the eastern sky in which to look, and shows the relative apparent distance of Uranus. This distance



The relative positions of Jupiter and Uranus during the next six weeks

will not last long, however, for both Uranus and Jupiter are travelling to the right, and as Jupiter is speeding much faster than Uranus it will soon appear to be leaving the remote planet behind.

In about six weeks' time each planet will have moved to the extent shown by the length of the arrows on the star-map. It is this movement of Uranus that will help observers to identify the planet positively.

Uranus is now almost at its nearest to us for this planet, being 1650 million miles away (1252 million miles beyond Jupiter), is, in fact, the farthest world that it is possible to see with the naked eye. Uranus is nearer than it has been for about 40 years and therefore approaching its brightest, about 5½ magnitude.

It will be possible to follow the motion of this very far-off world for several months on any starlit night and long after Jupiter has passed on. At that great distance Uranus appears to travel very slowly, but actually it is travelling through space at about 260 miles a minute, and fully rotating in about 10½ hours as compared with the nearly 24 hours of our Earth.

In that short Uranian day the vast canopy of greenish cloud whirls round the planet's equatorial regions of some 95,000 miles at the rate of nearly 10,000 m.p.h. Beneath those clouds the temperature would be far below zero; even air would freeze in the vast icy wastes of whirling cloud that compose the visible surface of Uranus.

OUR SUN AS STAR

There the Sun would appear only as a brilliant star which bestows about 360 times less light and heat than upon our Earth; consequently Uranus must be a weird and dim twilight world and it may seem a marvel that we can see it at all. For unlike the stars, the planet shines by the reflected light from the Sun.

This sunlight takes about two hours and 34 minutes to reach Uranus, from whence it is reflected to us, at the present time, in another two hours and 26 minutes.

Uranus has five moons named Miranda, Ariel, Umbriel, Titania, and Oberon. It is doubtful if they could ever be seen from any solid surface of Uranus which must lie several thousands of miles down in the dark depths of those weird greenish clouds. G. F. M.

COUNT YOUR BEETLES

How many different kinds of beetle are there in Britain?

The Rev. T. B. Kitchen, in his presidential address to the Yorkshire Naturalists' Union at their 93rd annual general meeting at Sheffield University, told the meeting that there are 3750 varieties.

IT HAPPENED

THIS WEEK

DISCOVERY OF RADIUM

DECEMBER 26, 1898. PARIS—The discovery of a radio-active substance which may prove invaluable in the treatment of the scourge of disease has been announced in Paris. This substance is to be called radium.

Making this important announcement at the Academy of Science today, the discoverer, Madame Curie, said this new chemical element was extracted from pitchblende.

For years Madame Curie and her husband, Pierre, harassed by poverty and with inadequate laboratory equipment, have experimented in a draughty shed, often going hungry in order to buy ore from which the pitchblende is extracted.



Madame Curie

BRIDGE DISASTER

DECEMBER 28, 1879. EDINBURGH—75 passengers were today hurled 88 feet to their death in the River Tay when the Tay Bridge collapsed in a gale as the 4.15 p.m. train from Edinburgh to Dundee was passing over.

Many of the passengers were returning home to Fife from their Christmas holidays in Edinburgh and the Lowlands. Experts say that as the train was passing over the bridge the gale—which has swept the country during most of the day—blew with tremendous force. The resistance offered by the train proved too great a strain on the bridge and the great girders gave way.

Sir Thomas Bouch, engineer of the bridge, has left Edinburgh in a special train for the scene of the disaster.

MURDER IN CATHEDRAL

DECEMBER 29, 1170. CANTERBURY—Four armed knights today forced their way into Canterbury Cathedral and murdered Archbishop Thomas Becket.

The Archbishop resisted his attackers, but was beaten down by several blows from the swords of his murderers, who then burst out of the Cathedral, plundered the Archbishop's lodgings, and fled before the city could be aroused.

Defying the King's anger, the Archbishop had repeatedly refused to withdraw the excommunication of five bishops who crowned the King's son as his successor last June. According to constitutional practice the crowning should have been performed by the Archbishop who, at that time, was exiled in France.

The murderers—Reginald Fitz-Urse, William de Tracey, Richard le Creton, and Hugh de Morville, arrived here only a few days ago from Normandy. During their stay there with King Henry they heard him protest at being "mocked by a low-born priest."

RADIO AND TV

THE CAMERAS GO ABROAD

Visits to Belgium, Germany, Italy

TELEVISION'S unique power to bring distant peoples into intimate contact has never been better shown than in the closing days of the Old Year.

Eurovision offers us three important programmes from the Continent this week. Immediately after Children's TV this Wednesday the picture switches to Brussels for a camera visit to Erasmus House, the home of the great 15th-century scholar who, with his ideals of social unity in Europe, would certainly have welcomed international TV.

On Thursday viewers will be taken to Hamburg for The Magic of Candlelight, a programme of traditional carols.

On Friday those of us who stay up late can see how they welcome the New Year in Italy. There will be celebrations in Milan and the village of Cortina d'Ampezzo, and songs by sardine fishermen at Portofino.

Pet for Children's Hour

PETULA CLARK is starring in children's programmes both in sound radio and TV this week. In Saturday's Children's Hour Petula heads the cast in Out to Play, the New Year's Day variety party organised by John Lane. She says it is like coming home again, because it was in Children's Hour



Petula Clark

Why they learn English

MANY listeners to the BBC's programmes for Europe are learning English. Recently, in the weekly programme bulletin London Calling Europe, the BBC asked them why.

Main reasons given in 300 replies were: to get a better job, to read English literature, to be able to make oneself understood everywhere.

A Turkish Army officer wrote: "One language is one man—two languages are two men." Said a Norwegian business man: "English is the language of the world and gives one a feeling of independence and self-confidence." A Copenhagen listener wrote: "I fell in love with your language during the war."

Odd-job man

JOHNNY MORRIS, the West-country funny man, has a great following among young people.

In New Year's Day variety in the Light he is to tell listeners about the odd jobs he has done in the past year while in quest of broadcasting material. He was a waiter, among other things, worked in the sewers, and drew white lines on a main road.

On January 8, I hear, he starts a new series of odd jobs in London.



Johnny Morris

that she made some of her first broadcasts.

Next day young viewers will see her at the Royal Caledonian Schools, Bushey, in a Children's TV variety show compiled from requests by the orphan boys and girls at the school.

Scrappping the Scrapbook

LESLIE BAILY, famous for his scrapbooks, tells me that he still has at least a dozen years undealt with in the past half century. The latest completed Scrapbook (for 1914) had been done previously in 1938; when he listened to the old recording, however, it sounded like a study in slow motion and had to be re-written.

"In recent years," he said, "radio programmes have been slickened and streamlined in a way you'd scarcely believe."

Sporting personality

WHO will be the TV Sportsview Personality of the Year? We shall know on Thursday when Peter Dimmock presents the trophy, a small-scale model of an outside broadcast camera.

Opinions are judged by viewers' postcards and, according to the latest figures, the three leaders were Chris Chataway, Pat Smythe, and Dr. Roger Bannister.

Spot the aerials

SOON you can start a new TV spotting game. Look out for baby aerials which will be sprouting above the rooftop H aerials. These will be needed by viewers picking up commercial TV programmes, unless they live very near the transmitter.

The reason is that commercial TV, starting next autumn, will operate on the frequency band known as Band III, whereas the BBC uses Band I. The new aerials will be small replicas of the existing ones. ERNEST THOMSON

The Children's Newspaper, January 1, 1955

Puppets spring to life in a fairy-tale film



Gretel dances a lively measure



Rosina the Witch in all her finery



The call of the witch goes echoing through the wood

WE all know Grimm's famous fairy-tale (and the music of Humperdinck's famous opera) about Hansel and Gretel, the two children of a poor broom-maker who were captured by a wicked witch. And now, writes the C N Film Critic, we can meet them in a most unusual and most enchanting film.

The film of Hansel and Gretel is unusual because it is acted neither by human beings nor by cartoon characters; the actors are puppets. There have, of course, been puppet films before; but these puppets, which their inventor Michael Myerberg (who made this film) calls "Kinemins," are something quite new.

Besides being able to make all the movements a human body can make—as well as a number it cannot make—these puppets can also move their faces and change their expression. The witch here, Rosina Rubylips, is always twitching her long nose up and down and wagging her huge chin in a most comic way.

STROKE OF MAGIC

Rosina is the character who appears first in the film: by a stroke of her magic, she causes the letters of the title Hansel and Gretel to spring up from the ground and form on the screen.

Next we are introduced to the two children themselves, in their cottage on the edge of the forest. They have been left alone there to work; Gretel should be darning stockings, and Hansel should be making brooms. But they are tempted to begin playing and dancing with their pets Susy the goose and Gingy the bear.

DANCING FURNITURE

There is some magic, at this point, which they seem to take for granted: Hansel's shoes slide along towards him when he wants to put them on, and the table and benches stand up and join in the dance.

When the fun is at its height, the children's mother comes in and scolds them for neglecting their work, and in the excitement a pitcher of milk is broken. This was the only food in the house,

and so she sends the children out to gather wild strawberries in the forest.

There they get lost, when darkness is falling. They meet Dozy the Sandman; he put them comfortably to sleep for the night, to dream of angels. But in the morning Gretel finds that she still has a white rose one of the angels gave her.

HOUSE TO EAT

They set out for home, but before they have gone very far they come upon a little house entirely made of things to eat—cakes, biscuits, sweets and sugar-sticks. It is the witch's house; with its walls of sweetness she has tempted many little boys and girls into her clutches. In front of it stands a row of children, all changed into gingerbread.

Hansel and Gretel are tempted also, and the witch catches them and puts Hansel in a cage, meaning to cook him in her oven and eat him. She makes Gretel help in the preparations for the feast. But the tables are turned when Hansel escapes from the cage and helps Gretel to push the witch into the oven instead.

RE-UNION

Everything goes up in a huge puff of what looks like fireworks, and all the witch's evil magic is suddenly put right again. The gingerbread children return to life. Hansel and Gretel are reunited with their mother and father.

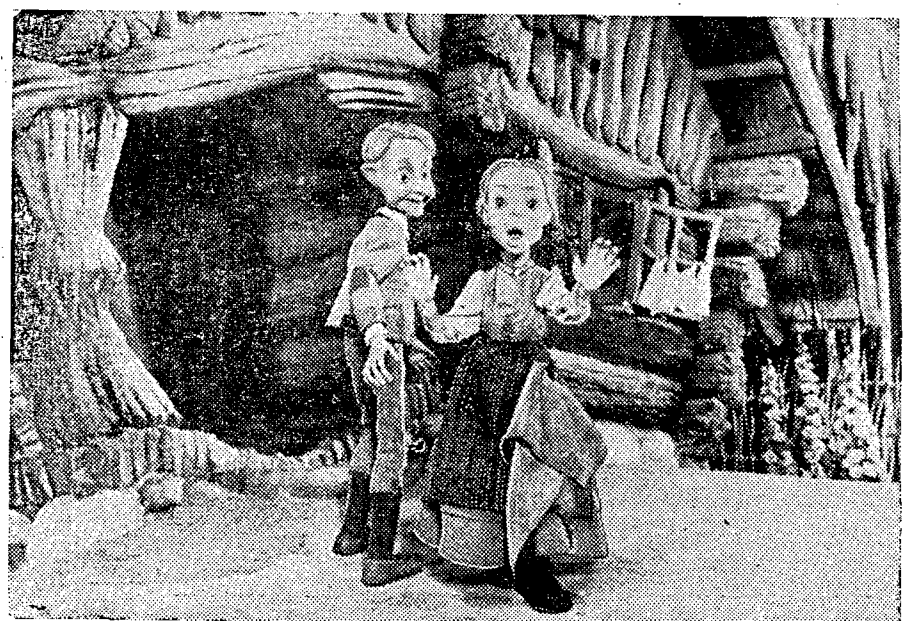
It is all most ingenious—no fewer than 144,000 separate colour photographs were taken for this film. And to add to all the magic there is the music of Humperdinck, who wrote the opera of Hansel and Gretel more than 60 years ago. The film will be generally released in the Spring.



Hansel sings a happy song



Dozy the kindly Sandman



The parents of Hansel and Gretel outside their log cabin

Children's Newspaper

John Carpenter House
Whitefriars, London, E.C.4
JANUARY 1, 1955

ENTER 1955

WE can look back on 1954 with some satisfaction, for it has proved better than many people expected. And in this country it has finished on a particularly happy note by assuring some of the most needy people an increase in their pensions.

With the dawn of each New Year since the war men of goodwill have looked around the international horizon for signs of brightness. Too often, alas, they have looked in vain. But 1954 has seen many of these signs. For example, several encouraging gaps have appeared in the Iron Curtain, and some of them have been made, very suitably, by sportsmen.

There is all the difference between hostility and rivalry, and there is no better rivalry than in a good game, cleanly played. Soccer teams have exchanged visits between Britain and Russia and Hungary, and we have welcomed a great Russian crew at Henley. We may also see representatives of U.S.S.R. at Wimbledon for the first time.

We welcome the gaps in the "Curtain" which divides the nations, for they may well lead to others.

In our private lives 1955 will be the year that we ourselves make it. We can sincerely wish each other happiness and prosperity, knowing at the same time that being at our best—at work or play, in our relationships at home or abroad—will bring the wish to fulfilment.

A happy and prosperous New Year to all our readers!



OUR HOMELAND

The Editor's Table

POCKET MONEY

FRENCH people have been grumbling about the new 100-franc coins issued in place of notes. They say the coins are too heavy, that a handful of them makes a hole in the pocket.

It is a point of view which seems strange to us. We British have become reconciled to a pocketful of pennies, and can even enjoy the burden of a pocketful of half-crowns.

It may be that our French neighbours are merely being sentimental about their artistic 100-franc notes—grubby and torn though they often were; or perhaps it is that a bundle of them gives a feeling of wealth not conferred by a handful of nickel coins.

But doubtless they will soon get used to their new coins, just as our grandparents grew used to the reverse process of handling Treasury notes instead

Burning of the Clavie

ON New Year's Eve an age-old ceremony takes place in the town of Burghhead in Morayshire. This is the Burning of the Clavie, an ancient rite which is doubtless the survival of some pagan act of worship.

The "clavie," a tar barrel cut in two with one half fixed to a salmon-fisher's stake and the other half filled with quick-burning materials, is lighted at dark by a person known as the "clavie king." It is then carried, blazing, through the principal street of the town.

Faggots are thrown in front of houses to ward off evil for the ensuing year. A "hooraying" crowd follow to the top of a hill facing the Moray Firth, where a bonfire is made with what is left of the "clavie."

Fragments of charred wood from the "clavie" are afterwards sent out to Burghhead natives all over the world.

JUST AN IDEA

As Dr. Johnson wrote: No quality will get a man more friends than a disposition to admire the qualities of others. of golden sovereigns.

This Kind World

THE little kindnesses... how much they mean!

A reader in West London tells us of one. She called at the busy greengrocer's shop where she has dealt for thirty years.

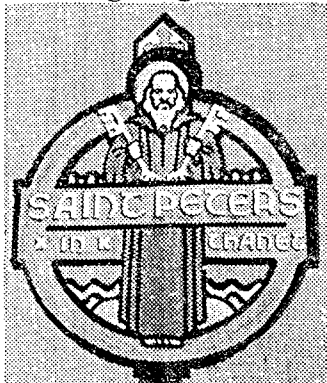
"How much is the spinach today?" she inquired. "I am so fond of spinach."

The girl serving her named the price. "Oh dear," said the customer. "It's much too expensive for me. I just can't afford it."

The girl smiled. "That's quite all right," she said. "You shall have some from my own garden. I'll bring it up tomorrow for you if you care to call in."

Needless to say, she was as good as her word.

Village signs—25



St. Peter with his keys on the sign at St. Peter's, Thame.

Think on These Things

EACH New Year is a new beginning. The old year has gone; we are starting afresh, and what could be more natural than to want to make some good resolutions?

That is easy; the difficulty is to make them lasting. A few days pass and we forget them.

But we can be quite sure that, if we really want to keep those resolutions, God will help us. He will strengthen our wills.

St. Paul tells us: "If any man is in Christ, he is a new creature." There can always be new life in Him. O. R. C.

Thirty Years Ago

From the Children's Newspaper, January 3, 1925

SIR J. M. BARRIE, the creator of Peter Pan, has been back to school, greatly delighting his old friends at Dumfries, where he spent some of his happy boyhood days at the Dumfries Academy.

It was in the garden there, he said, that Peter Pan was born. In his speech at the presentation of the Freedom of the town, Sir James told how he once played truant:

"Once a learned professor came to the Academy to examine us, and after some days of it I decided to absent myself from the final proceedings. Other boys were sent in pursuit, and there was a hot chase, until I discovered that if I went slowly they also went slowly—that, in short, they were as little desirous of returning as I was."

THEY SAY...

BROWSING in a library is still a pleasant form of relaxation.

Mrs. C. H. Brown,
Falkirk librarian

IT is impossible properly to distinguish intelligence from acquired information and education.

Professor P. E. Vernon

I THINK the mile record will be brought down to very low figures.

Dr. Roger Bamister

IF I were triplets I could still find plenty for all three of us to do.

Charles Wilson, U.S.
Secretary of Defence

A GOOD boys' club has no rules, apart from the tradition of the club. If there are rules everyone feels like breaking them.

Vice-chairman of the National
Association of Boys' Clubs

IF young artists and designers are given the opportunities they deserve, we may yet build a tradition of design in this country in the 20th century, mass-produced though it may be, which in beauty and elegance will be a worthy successor to the best of the past.

Report of Scottish Council
of Industrial Design

Out and About

THE oaks in the wood supplied a fine harvest of acorns in the autumn, and some of the creatures we saw eating them, like the pigeons, had no thought for the morrow. But the squirrels added some to their store, though one has to be lucky to catch them in the act of raiding their winter larder.

What is more surprising, thanks to walking very quietly round a wood, is to see a jay digging into the ground and extracting an acorn. If you should catch him at it, do not be unjust enough to think he is stealing from a squirrel's store.

Jays have been observed to bury acorns in autumn for use later on; but it seems quite clever of them to find the place again. C. D. D.

WORD QUIZ

How well do you know your own language? Can you say whether a b or c gives the correct meaning of the following five words?

- 1 CABOOSE
a Ship's galley
b Rocky Mountain deer
c Red Indian baby
- 2 PICAROON
a Small kind of cake
b Little black child
c Pirate or rogue
- 3 ELLIPSE
a Interval of time
b Obscuring of light
c Regular oval
- 4 CADDY
a Golf-player's attendant
b Small box for holding tea
c Larva that lives in water
- 5 ACCLIVITY
a Being very active
b Upward slope of a hill
c Grasping greedily

Answers on page 12

Next Week's Birthdays

January 2

Gilbert Murray (1866). A fine classical scholar who by his poetic translations has made Greek drama live for those who cannot understand a word of Greek, and a Liberal public figure who has given unwearied service to the cause of international co-operation.

January 3

The Rt. Hon. Clement Attlee, M.P. (1883). Prime Minister 1945-51, now Leader of the Opposition. Great social worker in his younger days.

January 4

Louis Braille (1809-52). Though blind from the age of three this Frenchman was considered one of the best organisers of his time. He gave his name to the system of raised point writing and printing which he developed for the use of the blind.



January 5

Konrad Adenauer (1876). Federal German Chancellor. Deprived of his office and imprisoned under Hitler, he has since led Western Germany out of the chaos of war.

January 6

Heinrich Schliemann (1822-90). Pioneer archaeologist. During his youth he was fired by the story of the Iliad and wept because he could not understand Homer in Greek. Made a fortune as an army contractor in the Crimean War and used his money to satisfy his burning ambition to search for the site of Troy.

January 7

Lord Horder (1871). Distinguished Royal physician whose many interests outside his profession range from Boy Scouts to National Parks, and from Child Guidance to the Noise Abatement League.



January 8

Lord Rosebery (1882). Secretary of State for Scotland, 1945. Won the D.S.O. and the M.C. in the First World War. Chairman of the Committee which in 1949 made the valuable report on the export and slaughter of horses.

Each Day Afresh

Finish each day and be done with it. You have done what you could. Some blunders and absurdities, no doubt, crept in. Forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day. Begin it serenely, and with too high a spirit to be encumbered with your old nonsense.

R. W. Emerson

The Children's Newspaper, January 1, 1955

CALLING ALL SCHOOLBOYS

Thrills galore have been prepared for the 200,000 youngsters who are expected to visit the Schoolboys' Own Exhibition which opens in London on Friday, December 31.

The great attraction for most lads—and for their sisters, too—will be the “do-it-yourself” models. Among these is the bow of a tanker vessel, built by Shell Tankers. On its bridge a boy can have the adventure of handling the ship himself, bringing her “along-side a dock.”

Thrills of a similar kind will be provided by the Royal Navy's steering instructor, which gives a realistic impression of cross-currents, winds, and tides.

Future drivers will sit at the controls of a lorry and, though stationary, go through all the actual motions of driving—with engine noises to make the experience seem like the real thing.



Piloting a remote-control car in the test for road sense.

Piloting a remote-control miniature car along a typical stretch of road is also a test of whether one has the makings of a good driver. Prizes are offered for those who most skilfully and speedily negotiate the hazards of the course.

But even greater hazards will be run perhaps by those boys who volunteer, at the Gas Council's stand, to cook doughnuts before judges chosen from among visiting schoolgirls.

From these tests of their inborn skills visitors will turn to more passive fascinations, such as the glass-blower who will make free gifts objects. They will admire the fine model of the Royal Yacht, Britannia, shown by permission of the Queen. And from the modern wonders of the English Electric Company's model aircraft, electronic devices, television stations, and locomotives, they will go back nearly 400 years in the Tudor Hall. Here Sharp's Toffee are presenting a puppet show called, An Elizabethan Fantasy, depicting some of the chief events of “Gloriana's” reign, including such puppet characters as Sir Francis Drake, Sir Walter Raleigh, William Shakespeare, and the great queen herself.

With all the glamour and gaiety of this fine holiday show, however, there is the serious purpose of helping boys to choose a career, and much valuable information about this is offered at various stands.

The Exhibition, in the Royal Horticultural Halls at Victoria, will be open until January 13. It is surely London's most rewarding shillingsworth for the young of all ages.

MASTERPIECE UNDER HIS PILLOW

A painting, said to be worth £350,000, has been taken from a Toronto bank under an armed guard to art experts, who will try to prove that it is really the work of Leonardo da Vinci.

The painting was bought by Dr. J. Glaug from a Yugoslav art dealer in 1942 for about £540. He had it cleaned and a year later tests at the Museum of Fine Art in Budapest supported his theory that the painting was by da Vinci.

Dr. Glaug had a struggle to

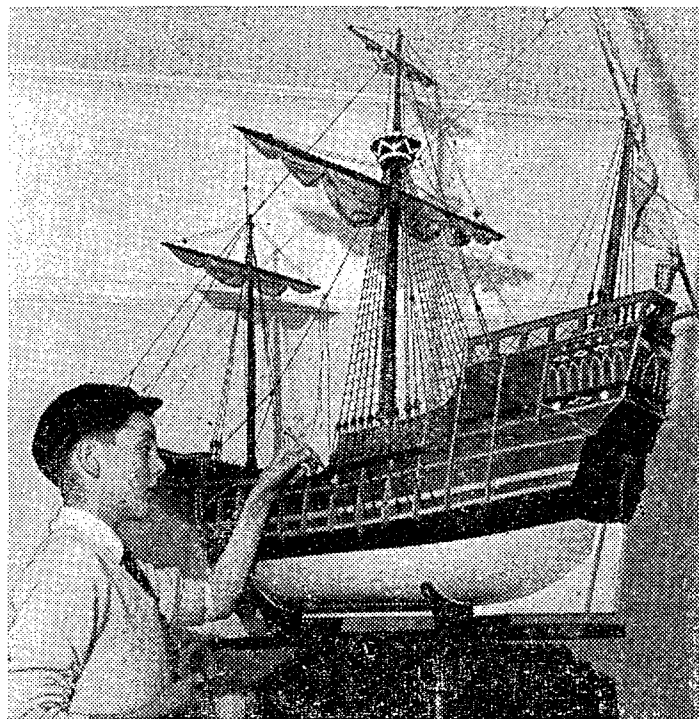
keep his painting. In Yugoslavia, for instance, the Nazis tried to get it. At the end of the war the British Army in Austria helped him in preventing the Communists from taking the painting.

Now Dr. Glaug is in Canada, but when he first went there, at the end of the war, he had to work as a farm hand. During that time he slept with the painting under his pillow to keep it safe. Soon he hopes to hold an exhibition of his collection of paintings in Canada.

Two ships which won Atlantic fame



Michael Bowles of Hendon inherited this model of the Santa Maria, which carried Columbus to America, from his grandfather. Michael is re-rigging her and learning the names of every spar and sail. The Rev. W. Bryan-Brown of St. Albans, seen with his scale-model of the Queen Elizabeth, has raised £700 for charity by sale and display of his miniature ships.



JUMPING GEORGE BECOMES MR SMITH

Australian Aborigines—the original inhabitants of the great southern continent—are to be officially given surnames, like white men, in future. In the past, British settlers would call the Aborigines by just any old name, such as Dingo Mich or Big Foot Jack or Jumping George.

Left to themselves, of course, the Aborigines would still be living in the Stone Age, but where they are in contact with whites their way of life has become changed, to some extent. This change is being helped by a planned naming system devised by the Northern Territory Welfare Department and the Australian Department of Native Affairs in Canberra.

MARK TWAIN TO HIS MOTHER

One of the largest collections of Mark Twain manuscripts and first editions has been on view in New York.

Among the collection was a first edition of The Jumping Frog, dedicated in his own hand “To my mother, the dearest friend I ever had and the truest.”

There are many reasons for the change. One is to put the natives on a par with the Australian white race and alter the average Australian's attitude to native people. The new system also aims to develop family surnames.

The system aims at giving to each individual, if he does not already possess one, a first name of European Christian origin, plus a suitable surname. The latter could be the name of a man's own clan or personal totem, place of birth, or tribal area.

Owners of sheep and cattle stations and other employers are being asked to co-operate, but the massive task of re-naming thousands of bush natives will fall chiefly to patrol officers.

AUSTRALIAN SHEEP FOR PAKISTAN

Farmers in Pakistan are anxiously watching over 98 Corriedale sheep sent as a gift from Australia to an experimental farm near Kallurkot in the Thal area. This area is being developed jointly by Pakistan, Australia, New Zealand, and Canada under the Colombo Plan.

MODISTE MOUNTAINEER

Madame Claude Kogan set up a women's climbing record by reaching a height of 25,496 feet on Mount Cho Oyu, in the Himalayas, believed to be the world's seventh tallest peak.

A dress designer from Nice, Madame Kogan has already climbed 20,000-foot peaks in Peru. In September 1953 she was the first lady to reach the 23,410-foot summit of Nun Kun, one of the highest mountains in the Kashmir Himalayas.

She is at present one of a party led by a Swiss mountaineer, M. Raymond Lambert.

ROUNDAABOUT HOUSE

The strange spectacle of a big building slowly turning on its foundations will probably be seen at the town of Grand Junction in Colorado. Plans have been made there to erect a six-storey building on a turntable summerhouse fashion, so that it can be wheeled round to face the sun in winter and away from the glare in summer. It will cost £800,000.

Two sides of the revolving house are built with glass bricks so that sunlight can enter.

CN STAMP ALBUM—A feature of interest to all young collectors (1)

THEY LOOK ALIKE
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STAMP with a STORY

ON THE DEATH OF HIS WIFE EVA, PRESIDENT PERON ISSUED A SERIES OF STAMPS TO COMMEMORATE HER. HE ALSO SAID HER FEATURES MUST NOT BE DISFIGURED BY THE POSTMARK.

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START FROM SCRATCH

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INDIA

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PUZZLE? CORNER

This stamp comes from

**CHINA
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BURMA?**

Answer next week

THE MAN WHO NEARLY BECAME P.R.A.

For only the third time in the Royal Academy's 186 years, an architect has been elected President. He is Professor A. E. Richardson, who was for many years head of London University's School of Architecture.

The two other architects who actually held this illustrious office both did so in this century: Sir Edwin Lutyens (1938) and Sir Aston Webb (1919). But just 150 years ago another of this profession was elected but never officially held office.

James Wyatt, the architect in question, was an unusual character indeed. Indolent, easy-going, sleepy, he would infuriate important clients by his ways.

A Royal Academy quarrel took him to the presidential chair. A member of the inner council, he believed that this should have full power over the general assembly, which consists of all the notable painters, sculptors, and architects who have been made R.A.s. The feud led to the resignation of the president, Benjamin West, and James Wyatt was accordingly elected in 1805.

UNSUITABLE

According to the rules the sovereign must sign the minutes. But in this case, George III either forgot or refused. In any event, Wyatt's friends had changed their minds about his suitability. Even when taking the chair, he might fall into a sound slumber. Within a year he was outvoted.

For all his lethargic ways, Wyatt achieved a remarkable amount of architectural work before his death at 67 in 1813. He designed the Royal Military Academy at Woolwich and Oxford University's famous Radcliffe Observatory. Also, as Surveyor-General, he made many important alterations to Westminster Abbey, Windsor Castle, and all the Royal palaces, but his restorations of various cathedrals provoked so much criticism that he was rudely labelled "the Destroyer."

Steps to Sporting Fame



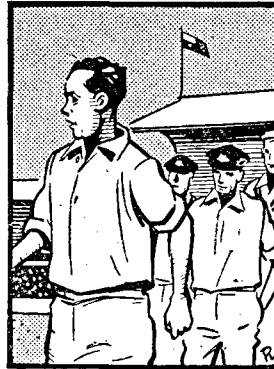
At 35, Ian Johnson is one of Australia's "Old Brigade" on the cricket field. He, Keith Miller, Ray Lindwall, and Arthur Morris are all that remain of the first Test team against England after the war.



Ian never wanted to be anything else but an off-break bowler. As a boy, all his friends went in for speed. Ian persevered with flight and spin and also learnt to bat pretty well. Against Hammond's men in 1946-7 his 6 for 42 in the Second Test was a telling blow.



It was thought that his type of bowling would be even more successful in England in 1948. In fact, he was the least successful of Australia's bowlers that year. Five years later he was left behind and general comment in Australia was that Ian Johnson's Test days were over.



Far from being a spent force, the bowler Australia once discarded has not only regained his place, but has returned to the arena as captain of his country. He marked that return by leading Australia to a decisive victory in the first match with Len Hutton's men.

SHORT CUT VIA THE ARCTIC

One of the most important of the world's long distance air services was started recently when a gleaming white and silver Douglas DC-6B of S.A.S. (Scandinavian Airlines) took off from Los Angeles International Airport, California, and made the first scheduled flight to Europe via the Arctic—over the top of the world.

By heading north for Europe instead of east, the DC-6 cut the Los Angeles—Copenhagen route by nearly 1000 miles and the flying time by several hours.

Covering, in a matter of minutes, distances which took old explorers weeks of painful trudging, the flight—now operated once a week in each direction—introduces passengers to landscapes unequalled in variety elsewhere in the world.

On the return flight from Copenhagen, Iceland is the first landfall, with the Myrdal glacier showing among the black lava hills. Next the Denmark Strait is crossed, and then the coast of Greenland at Angmagssalik. Soon the plane is over the world's greatest mass of eternal ice, thousands of feet

thick, both above and below sea level, with nunataks, or isolated peaks, towering above the remainder.

The first stop is at Søndra Strömford—meaning Southern Stream Fjord—in Greenland. Surprisingly, ducks and geese can be found here, and the streams are full of salmon.

Now the airliner heads for Winnipeg, over the Davis Strait and across the world's sixth biggest island—Baffin Island. Ahead lie the hundreds of small islands and the huge horseshoe shape formed by Hudson Bay and James Bay, called the Canadian Shield.

Gradually the Shield merges into the plains north of Winnipeg, and after a second refuelling stop, the DC-6B cruises steadily on, crossing

the Great Salt Lake, and nosing south-westwards—over the mountains, woods, plains, and even desert—to the vast International Airport at Los Angeles.

In summer part of the route is bathed in the blue light of the Arctic Midnight Sun and the moon and brighter planets are always visible. Even at lower latitudes during the flight, passengers can read their newspapers and magazines without artificial aid.

To make the service possible, many hundreds of thousands of pounds had to be spent by the Scandinavian Airlines System (run jointly by Denmark, Norway, and Sweden) on ground facilities, communications, and special navigation equipment and crew training. But there seems little doubt that the expenditure on this new travel route has been well worth while.

Its time-saving benefits will be better understood when S.A.S. extend their service beyond Los Angeles to Tokyo, and reduce existing round-the-world flight times by no fewer than twenty-four hours.

INTRUDER

Arriving late home one night, a resident of Newport, Isle of Wight, found his bantams all sleeping on the lawn. A large hedgehog had curled up in the comfortable straw of the bantams' house.

DEVON'S KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

The Kingdom of Heaven, as they call the island of Lundy in the Bristol Channel, lost its ruler recently with the death of Mr. Martin Coles Harman.

Lundy island, which lies 12 miles from the Devon coast at Hartland Point, was once owned by a family named Heaven, hence its nickname. There are 12 inhabitants who do not pay rates, taxes, or require dog, gun, or radio licences. They also do not have a vote in parliamentary elections. All mail leaving the island must have the normal postage stamps and also an extra one, the puffin stamp. This excess postage helps to pay the running costs of the Lundy boats, which carry cattle, ponies, sheep, wool, lobsters, and rabbits to the mainland.

SMUGGLING HISTORY

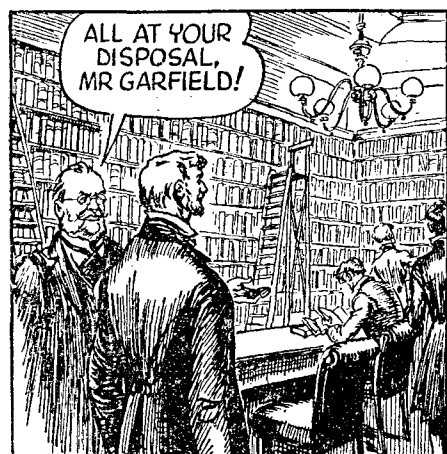
The history of the island is bound up with smuggling and piracy, but today the people who live there work hard at farming, crabbing, and catering for summer visitors. While the 2000 acres of granite can be a paradise, it can also spell death. In one year 170 vessels are said to have been wrecked on its shores.

The story of Martin Coles Harman is as romantic as the island he bought in 1925 for £16,000. He started life as a £1-a-week office boy, but became an important financier before he was 48. His son, Lance-Corporal John Pennington Harman, was awarded a posthumous V.C. for bravery in the Burma campaign in 1944. In 1949 a plaque was unveiled on one of the island's 350-foot headlands.

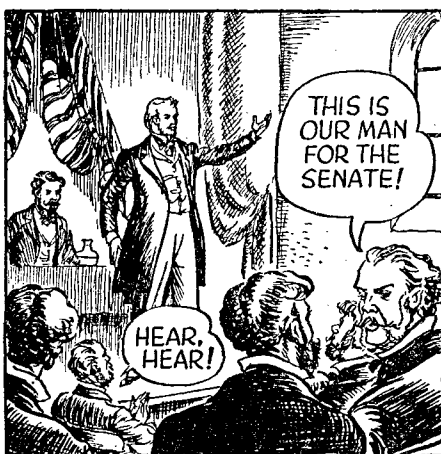
LIGHTHOUSE PARTY FOR AULD LANG SYNE

As the clock chimes midnight on Friday the men of the lighthouses in the Firth of Forth and around will exchange New Year greetings by radio. Then they will all join in a radio concert which will be transmitted and received by them on a special wavelength.

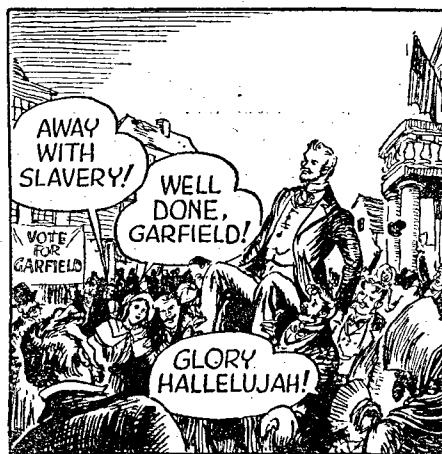
FROM LOG CABIN TO WHITE HOUSE—new picture-version of the romantic life-story of President Garfield (6)



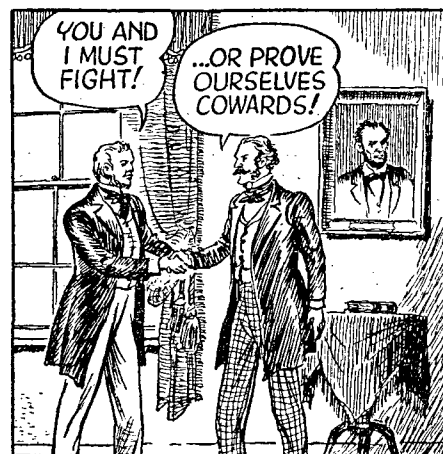
After three years at Hiram, James passed into Williams College in Massachusetts, his elder brother lending him the money to pay his fees. The size of the University library amazed and delighted him. Here, for the first time, he was able to read all Shakespeare's works. At Williams he was a popular student, becoming noted for his strong anti-slavery views. He graduated in 1856 at the age of 25.



James returned to Hiram Institute as a teacher, and within a year became Principal. He married his faithful sweetheart of student days, and settled down to a scholastic life. But excitement about the slavery question was growing rapidly throughout the country, and James' public speeches aroused great enthusiasm. In 1859 he was persuaded to stand as Republican (anti-slavery) candidate for the Ohio Senate.



He was elected by a large majority, the youngest member of the State Senate, where he soon made his mark as one of its ablest speakers. The political situation in the United States was now grave, the South threatening civil war if a Republican were made President. This happened in 1861 when Abraham Lincoln was elected. The Ohio Senate had to decide whether their State should prepare for war against the South.



James Garfield, of course, was for defying the slave owners. He and his friend Jacob D. Cox agreed privately that war was inevitable, and in the room they shared they mutually pledged their lives to their country. In the Senate James denounced all suggestions of attempted compromise with the South as base surrender, and declared that he "preferred to stand by the old flag and fight for human rights."

It seems that a quiet life as a teacher is not for James Garfield. See next week's instalment



A grand new serial about the ever-popular radio schoolboy

OUR FRIEND JENNINGS

By Anthony Buckeridge

Jennings and Darbishire decide to start a stamp collection and send for a free list and sheet on approval. Darbishire also orders a false moustache which he thinks will be useful for the school concert.

2. On approval

FOR some days after he had written for the foreign stamps on approval, Jennings seethed with impatience for the packet to arrive.

Thanks to Messrs. S. and S. Boddington, Ltd., he and Darbishire would soon boast a collection second to none in the school.

"What a decent couple of characters these stamp merchants must be," Jennings observed to Darbishire, as they were dressing in the dormitory on Monday morning. "I can't think how they can make a living if they won't let anyone pay for the stuff."

Darbishire nodded in agreement. "If you ask me, these Boddington chaps must be philanthropists."

"Well, of course they are!" Jennings answered, weaving his way into his shirt. "That's the proper word for stamp collectors."

Impatient

"You're getting a bit mixed up, Jen," Darbishire explained in tones of patient rebuke. "A philatelist is a stamp merchant, and a philanthropist is a kind person who gives things away. My father says—"

"That proves I was right, then," Jennings broke in. "S. and S. Boddington are kind people who give stamps away, so there you are!"

He glanced out of the window in the hope of seeing the postman pedalling up the drive. "Oh, fish-hooks! I do wish he'd bring them today. He may even be bringing that false moustache that you wrote for, too, don't forget."

Darbishire had not forgotten; in fact, the thought had been upper-

most in his mind ever since he had written to order his facial disguise four days earlier. He could not keep his thoughts from the fascinating world of make-believe in which such queer objects as false moustaches played so vital a part.

Was there, he wondered, a large moustache factory in some outlying suburb, where clean-shaven employees tried out the latest thing in Father Christmas beards, or collapsed helpless with laughter at the sight of one another in Dundreary whiskers? And how did one set about making such things? Were they laboriously stitched together hair by hair, or was there a mechanical moustache-maker, churning out yard upon yard of shaggy bristles all ready to be sliced into convenient lengths?

It arrives

At that moment Darbishire's train of thought jolted to a stop as his friend smote him heartily between the shoulder blades.

"Here's the postman coming up the drive now," Jennings announced, hopping excitedly from foot to foot. "Come on, Darbi, let's go and see if he's brought our sheet of stamps."

They raced down the room, skidding along the gangway between the ends of the beds and colliding with Venables who was gargling at the washbasins, a tooth-glass of water in his hand.

"Ach gll pff!" choked the unhappy gargler. "Mind out, you clumsy bazookas! What's the big rush, anyway?"

"We want to see if our sheet has arrived. Someone's kindly sending us one on approval!" Darbishire explained.

Venables looked surprised. "What do you want another sheet for? You've got two on your bed already."

"Not that sort of sheet, you clot—I mean a loose one with stamps on. And then there's the moustache. I'm hoping the postman's got that, too."

"What on earth has the postman's moustache got to do with —" Venables found himself talking to the empty air, for Jennings and Darbishire were already out of earshot and heading rapidly down the stairs.

When the boys reached the hall they found their hopes were only half fulfilled. There was no letter for Darbishire, but a package addressed to J. C. T. Jennings told that the firm of Boddington had been quick to comply with their client's request.

Wonderful selection

"Wacko! They've come!" cried Jennings in high glee. He would have liked to open the packet there and then, but this was out of the question, for the school rules insisted that the mail should be given out by the master on duty.

Mr. Carter, the senior master, was on duty that morning. Unlike his colleague, Mr. Wilkins, he was quiet in manner and remained calm and unruffled in the face of every crisis that threatened to upset the smooth running of boarding-school life.

"I've a letter for you here, Jennings," the master said, as the boys filed past him out of the dining-hall after breakfast.

"Thank you, sir. It's a jolly important one, too. It's from a firm of philanthropologists, sir."

Messrs. S. and S. Boddington were as good as their word. When Jennings opened the package in his classroom, there, sure enough, was the approval sheet with the 50 free stamps thrown in for good measure. There was also a letter and a list giving the prices of the Colonial and Empire issues; but such was the boy's excitement that he thrust this aside unread, while he feasted his eyes on the contents of the package.

Generosity

"Aren't they super, Darbi!" he breathed. "And nothing to pay, either. You know, I hardly like to take them."

A small group of Form Three boys had crowded round to watch the package being opened.

"I'll take some if you don't want them," volunteered Atkinson.

"Yes, so will I," added Bromwich major. "This Nigerian specimen is one of the stamps I've been wanting for ages."

Jennings scratched his nose thoughtfully, and turned to his friend for advice. "What do you think, Darbi—shall we give some away?"

"Oh, I think we should," Darbishire agreed, glowing with generosity. "After all, they didn't cost us anything. And as these stamp merchants have been so decent to us, it's only fair we should do the same. My father says: 'do unto others—'"

"Righto, then. Let's share them out. We can easily get some more if we write for them."

Without more ado Jennings began to hand out stamps with gay abandon. Very soon most of the Colonial and Empire issues had gone, and only a few remained of the free packet.

"H'm! We don't seem to have got many left for ourselves, do we, Darbi?" he observed, when the crowd round the desk had thinned.

"Never mind," Darbishire consoled him. "I've got quite a warm, comfortable glow inside me from doing good and bringing happiness to other people. I expect Messrs. S. and S. Boddington feel like that, too—or at any rate, they will when we write and tell them that we've got through the first lot and want some more."

Disillusion

Darbishire's warm glow lasted all through the first two lessons, but during morning break it dissolved into a chill of despair when Mr. Carter came across the two boys poring over their few remaining specimens in the library.

"I've been looking for you two," the master began. "Everywhere I go I meet boys clutching handfuls of stamps which they tell me you've been giving away. Is that right?"

Jennings admitted the fact. "We got them for nothing, sir, so we thought it was only fair to share them out."

From a shelf behind him he picked up the magazine containing the advertisement which had first

attracted his attention. "Look, sir, it tells you all about it in here."

Mr. Carter read the announcement with interest. Then he said: "I'm afraid you've been jumping to conclusions again, Jennings. This advertisement obviously means that though the stamps in the packet are yours to do what you like with, you'll have to pay for those on the approval sheet if you want to keep them."

The two boys stared at him aghast. "Buy them, sir? Actually pay for them?"

"Of course. Surely they sent you a letter, or something, explaining the conditions?"

"Catastrophe"

Jennings' hand shot to his mouth in sudden realisation. Then he produced from his pocket the printed list and letter which he had not previously bothered to read.

There was no doubt about it. On the page before him was the price of each one of the Colonial and Empire issues. The whole sheet, it appeared, was valued at five shillings.

"Phew! What a ghastly catastrophe!" he lamented. "Whatever shall we do, sir?"

"You'll either have to send the money or return the stamps," Mr. Carter advised.

"But we can't do either, sir," Jennings twisted his fingers in a gesture of hopeless despair. "We've given them all away, now, and as for paying for them—well, Darbishire and I have only got eightpence between us!"

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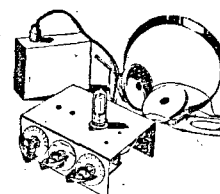
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WHEN the Boys' Under-16 Billiards Championships are staged at the Burroughes Hall, London, during the coming weekend, David Bond of Evesham, Worcestershire, will be attempting to record a "double." This 13-year-old schoolboy has already gained the boys' snooker title.

DEREK BURRIDGE, of Middlesex, was hailed as one of our most promising junior table tennis players a few years ago, but National Service retarded his progress. Early in December, however, he was chosen for his first English "cap," against Germany, and a few days later was in the team that played Wales. A 20-year-old clerk, Derek Burridge is now ready for the top table tennis honours.

MR. P. JACKSON, manager of Wrexham F.C., is keeping a watchful eye on his six-foot twin sons who are playing as amateurs for the club. Peter and David, who are 17, have attracted the attention of many managers who wish to sign the boys as professionals. But Mr. Jackson points out to the boys the wisdom of finishing their studies first before signing professional forms for Wrexham or any other club.

BERNARD and Derek Lloyd, 19-year-old twins from Chingford, Essex, are flyweight boxers. As Bernard is now in the R.A.F. and Derek in the Army, they may face a family problem should both decide to seek Imperial Services and A.B.A. honours.

IN their first ten matches this season Lingfield, Surrey, boys' Soccer team scored 183 goals and had none scored against them.

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THE 1954 London versus Moscow Soccer and Athletics meetings are to be followed next winter by ice-hockey games between the two cities—three in each. Ice-hockey was virtually unknown to the Russians in 1946, but since then they have become world champions.

FOUR British cyclists—S. Brittain, Don Sanderson, Bernard Pusey, and A. Hoar, will be leaving shortly for the Middle East, where they are to ride in the Tour of Egypt race.

JOY SEAMAN, Jean Winn, and Jill Rook, English table tennis internationals who, representing South London, are the national women's team champions, are determined to retain their title this season. As part of their training, they have joined a men's league, hoping in this way to sharpen up their play.

EARLY in the New Year, Phil Anderson and John Klesman will reach this country from Australia, to seek further table tennis successes. Anderson has been Australian national singles champion for the past two years, and Klesman was doubles champion, with Lou Laza, in 1952 and 1953. They intend to gain as much experience as possible in our local championships as part of their training for the world championships at Utrecht in April.

SOME 4000 runners will take part in the 4½ mile race at Sao Paulo, Brazil, on New Year's Eve.

ANOTHER Test Match between England and Australia starts next Friday, this time at Melbourne, one of the finest cricket grounds in the world. 34 Tests have been played here since 1876-77, of which Australia have won 18, England 13, with three left drawn. English batsmen have scored 24 centuries at Melbourne, but only one member of the present touring side has done so; that was in 1951, when Reg Simpson hit 156 not out.



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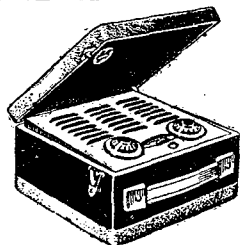
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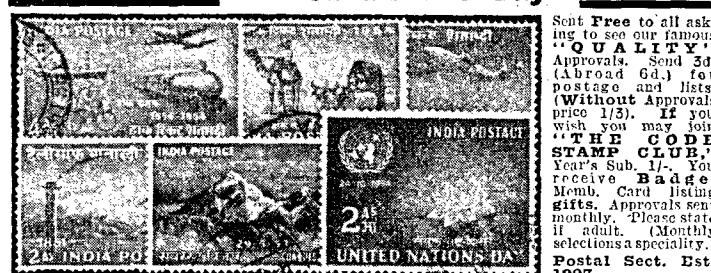
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THE BRAN TUB

OUT OF JOINT

A MEDICAL student asked his lecturer if there were not some books on anatomy more recent than those in the college library.

"Young man," replied the lecturer, "there have been few bones added to the human body during the last ten years."

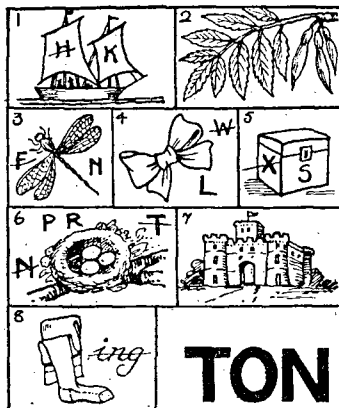
READING THE DATE

PUT a coin in the bottom of a bowl filled with soapy water and ask your friends to read the date. They will not, of course, be able to do it, but you can—by lowering a thin tumbler, mouth downwards, straight over the coin. There will be no water in the glass and the date will show up quite clearly.

NAME THESE TOWNS

To find the names of these towns, add "ton" to the solution of each picture-puzzle.

Answer in column 5



BEDTIME TALE

WELL DONE, DUNCAN

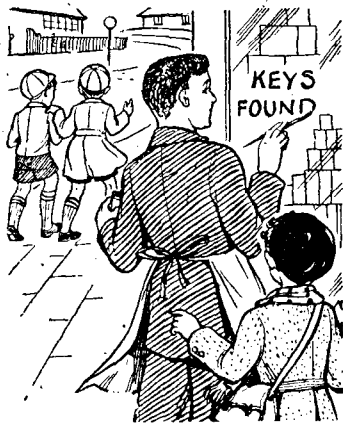
WHEN Duncan was learning to read he used to practise on the way to school by trying to read the names over the shops and the tickets in the windows. But his friends, Bill and Joe, who were in his class and walked to school with him every day, used to get cross because this made him dawdle. They both liked to get to school quickly and play with the others in the playground before lessons.

Bill said grumpily: "Why can't you leave reading till lesson time, as we do?"

And Joe said crossly: "Reading on the way to school wastes time."

Then, on their way to school one afternoon, Duncan saw the grocer painting a notice on his window, and stopped to read it. The others went tearing on ahead calling: "Come on! It's nature films this afternoon, and if we're late you know we can't go in!"

So, when he had finished reading the notice, Duncan ran his hardest, and they were in time.



THE RARE EGG

A RARE sight is the peacock's tail, With feathers golden, blue, and green. But rarer still the peacock's egg. Which no one yet has ever seen. Why?

It is the peacock which lays the eggs

SPOT THE . . .

LITTLE OWL as it rests on a favourite perch, staring unwinkingly with its fierce, yellow eyes. It is about nine inches long, with a wing span of just over a foot.



Despite its smallness the little owl is very aggressive. It will attack and slay birds almost its own size. Its plumage is grey-brown, spotted with white. It is not a native of Britain but was introduced some 70 years ago. Except for the Lake District, it is found throughout England and Wales.

Besides small birds, it eats mice, voles, insects, and worms.

Little owls do not build a nest but rear their young in holes, often using rabbit burrows.

FIND THE MAN

The answers to the following clues all begin with "man."

A JAW

A musical instrument

A pressing machine

An opening to a sewer, perhaps

Chinese official

One who models clothes

Answer in column 5

NO RIDE FOR JACKO AND CHIMP



Jacko and Chimp, having hauled their "toboggan" to the hilltop, paused to rest before enjoying the ride down. But unknown to them, Bouncer and his friends had followed them up, and the chums were suddenly startled to see the dogs sliding down the hill on the toboggan! "Oh well," sighed Jacko, "no ride for us—we've been 'taken for a ride.'"

FOUR-MINUTE PUZZLE

ADD one letter to each of the following words in the same position each time to make five-letter words. The added letters should spell the name of a famous athlete. Who is he?

GALE, HERD, RAGE, LIED, MAZE, REIN, TILE, SPAR, CAVE.

Answer in column 5

HERE WE ARE AGAIN!



PAINTING IN BLOBS

TRY this experiment when you are kept indoors by rain. All you need are coloured paints, a brush, and some smooth white paper.

Fold a sheet of the paper in half; open it up again and then, put a blob of, say, blue paint right on the crease. About an inch from that put a blob of another coloured paint.

Then fold the paper again and rub outside to spread the paint. On opening the paper, you will find that you have a picture that might look like anything from a butterfly to a clown.

ALPHABET PUZZLE

The answers to the following clues all begin with the letter L.

A KIND of retriever and part of Canada.

The national ball game of Canada Florence Nightingale was often called this

England's "cotton county" Painting which depicts a view Another word for theft

Answer in column 5

FUN WITH FIGURES

ASK a friend to write down the figures 1 to 9, leaving out 8. Then ask him to pick one of the figures, any one he likes, 6 for example. In your mind multiply this by 9 and you will get 54. Now tell your friend to multiply the row of figures by 54.

12345679
54

49382716
617283950

Add these numbers together and the answer is 666666666.

Any number in the first row can be chosen with similar results if you multiply it by 9 and use the result to multiply the first row again.

WHAT . . .

. . . school has no teachers or pupils?

A school of porpoises

ANSWERS TO WORD QUIZ

1a, 2c, 3e, 4b, 5b,

BRAN TUB ANSWERS

Name these towns. Skipton, Ashton, Lynton, Bolton, Boston, Preston, Castleton, Stockton Find the man. Mandible, mandoline, mangle, manhole, mandarin, mannequin

Four-minute puzzle. Bannister—gaBle, heArd, raNge, liNed, maIze, reSiN, tiTle, spEA, caRve Alphabet puzzle. Labrador, lacrosse, Lady of the Lamp, Lancashire, landscape, larceny What are we? Vowels

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